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SUBJECT: VISIT OF CAMBODIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS,

IENG SARY, TO MALAYSIA

REF: K.L. 1862

1. DCM CALLED MARCH 30 ON MFA UNDERSECRETARY II (SEA AFFAIRS)

AHMAD KAMIL BIN JAAFAR FOR REVIEW OF MARCH 24-25 VISIT TO

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KUALA LUMPUR OF CAMBODIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER FOR FOREIGN

AFFAIRS, IENG SARY. ACCORDING TO KAMIL, SIGNIFICANCE OF

VISIT IS THAT IT IS STEP AWAY FROM SELF IMPOSED CAMBODIAN

ISOLATION. MALAYSIA WELCOMES THIS MOVEMENT AND WOULD LIKE

TO SEE ALL INDOCHINA STATES HAVE MORE NORMAL RELATION-

SHIPS WITH THEIR NON-COMMUNIST NEIGHBORS.

2. ON SPECIFICS: (A) MALAYSIANS RAISED QUESTION OF EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC MISSION; IENG SARY REPLIED THAT CAMBODIANS "NOT YET ALREADY" (APPARENTLY MEANING IN PHYSICAL SENSE). (B) MALAYSIANS OFFERED "AID" (THEY HAD RUBBER TECHNICIANS IN MIND), BUT WERE TOLD THAT CAMBODIAN POLICY WAS ONE OF "COMPLETE SELF RELIANCE" ALTHOUGH SOME AID BEING ACCEPTED FROM YUGOSLAVIA AND PRC. (C) IENG SARY SAID CAMBODIAN INTERESTED IN TRADE WITH HER NEIGHBORS AND WISHED TO RESUME ROLE OF RICE EXPORTER. (D) IENG SARY INSISTED CAMBODIA WAS "COMPLETELY NEUTRAL" AND AT ONE POINT REFERRED TO BORDER PROBLEMS WITH BOTH THAILAND AND SRV.

3. ALTHOUGH NOT MENTIONED BY KAMIL, A LOWER RANKING MFA OFFICIAL TOLD US THAT IN REFERENCE TO THAILAND, IENG SARY HAD, WITHOUT BEING ASKED, "EXPLAINED" BORDER INCIDENTS WITH THAILAND BY SAYING VILLAGES WERE ACTUALLY IN CAMBODIAN TERRITORY; THERE WERE ANTI-GOVERNMENT KHMER DISSIDENTS OPERATING IN AREA; AND VILLAGERS HAD BEEN KILLED BY MINES PLANTED BY THAIS. (OFFICIAL, WHO HAD SERVED IN CAMBODIA, COMMENTED THAT THESE WERE UNUSUAL MINES THAT SLIT THROATS.)

4. SEVERAL OFFICIALS WHO SAW IENG SARY DURING VISIT COMMENTED THAT HE WAS SMOOTH, CONFIDENT, AND OBVIOUSLY DOMINATED HIS DELEGATION. WE WERE ALSO TOLD THAT WHEN AN ITALIAN JOURNALIST ASKED HIM ABOUT SIHANOUK, HE SAID THAT SIHANOUK HAD WANTED TO LEAVE CAMBODIA, BUT HIS FRIENDS PERSUADED HIM THAT IF HE DID SO, HE WOULD

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"BECOME LIKE BAO DAI". SIHANOUK, THEREFORE, DECIDED TO STAY. ACCORDING TO IENG SARY, HE IS IN GOOD HEALTH AND "WE REGARD HIM AS A PATRIOT".

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